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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Also, the outcome of Interference Nos. 104829 and 105136 has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application. Upon suspension or termination of the interference or expiration of the period of suspension, whichever is earlier, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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